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Was in CIA, ex-head of Brown says

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PROVIDENCE — Barnaby C. Keeney confirmed yesterday that he worked for the CIA while president of Brown University, from 1955 to 1966.

"I suppose nowadays it is improper to attempt to serve your country, but then I felt I was doing what I should. I am a citizen of this country," Keeney, now 64, said from his retirement home in Little Compton.

His comments followed a report in the Oct. 30 issue of New Times magazine that said Keeney maintained a "professional relationship" with the CIA and did classified work while running Brown.

When Keeney was first questioned about the New Times report Thursday night he refused comment. Yesterday, he acknowledged the CIA work but had little else to say.

The story says Keeney admitted to advising the CIA on "setting up covert funding operations."

It said that in 1962 Keeney began serving as chairman of the Human Ecology Fund, "one of several dummy foundations, which, over a 20-year period, the agency secretly used to channel millions of dollars into mind-control research, including LSD testing on human subjects."

Keeney, according to the magazine, said he was told the program "was designed to counter Soviet and Chinese brainwashing techniques, developed through the use of psych-chemicals and hypnosis."

BARNABY C. KEENEY
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